

INFORMATION BULLETIN

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: ONE-STOP SERVICE PRIORITIES FOR VETERANS

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify you of new legislation that will affect service delivery at your local One-Stop Career Centers, and to make you aware of the Employment Development Department's (EDD) role in facilitating statewide implementation of this new law. Please share this bulletin with your One-Stop partners, operators, and site staff.

Effective July 1, 2003, Public Law 107-288, the Jobs for Veterans Act, establishes that, among other requirements:

- Priority of service will be given to veterans, and spouses of certain veterans, for the receipt of employment, training, and placement services in any job-training program directly funded, in whole or in part, by the Department of Labor (DOL), notwithstanding any other provision of law.
- A comprehensive performance accountability system will be established, and veterans' employment, training, and placement services will be reviewed annually.
- A program of performance incentive awards will be established to encourage the improvement and modernization of veterans' employment, training, and placement services, and to recognize employees for excellence in the provision of those services.
- States will employ a sufficient number of disabled veterans' outreach specialists and local veterans' employment representatives.

The EDD is working with DOL to obtain guidance for both statewide and local implementation of the Jobs for Veterans Act. Federal regulations are not expected until December 2003, but EDD is in the process of soliciting current direction from DOL. We will keep you informed of any pertinent information.

A copy of the Jobs for Veterans Act (HR 4015), as well as some discussion material, is available on the Internet at thomas.loc.gov.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Jobs for Veterans Act, please contact Linda Rogaski at (916) 657-0294 or lrogaski@edd.ca.gov.

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